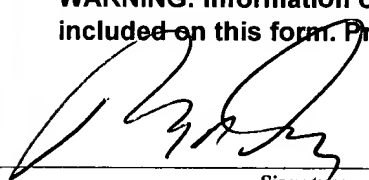


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Invention: PROCESSING OF ARBITRARILY FORMATTED CLIENT SIGNALS TO ACHIEVE COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING TRANSPORT NETWORKS						
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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, please amend this application as follows, and re-examine the application in light of the amendments and remarks provided.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.